

(c) According to IPA's appraisal the development of port and other facilities proposed at Kulpi is an unviable venture.

(d) The Ministry has conveyed its no objection to the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR), with the suggestion that various issues having implications on Calcutta Port should be addressed in the DPR.

National AIDS Control Organisation

364. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY :
SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOR :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether senior level post in National AIDS Control Organisation is being occupied by a Public Health expert rather than STD Consultant and the post of STD Adviser to Government of India remains abandoned since 1990;

(b) if so, the steps taken to post STD experts to man NACO in order to control AIDS effectively; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the Regional STD Teaching, Training and Research Centres including the Centre at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi to fill up the posts which are lying vacant for many years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) The post of Addl. Director (NACO) is included in the Public Health Sub Cadre of Central Health Service & is accordingly occupied by a Public Health Officer in the pay scale of Rs. 4500-5700. There is no sanctioned post of STD (Consultant) or STD Adviser to the Govt. of India in NACO.

(c) The position is given in the statement attached.

The Regional STD Teaching, Training and Research Centres were established to cater on zonal basis with the following objectives during the sixth Plan period :—

- Training and Teaching of inservice Medical and para medical personnel in the discipline of STDs
- To conduct inter-laboratory evaluation for standardisation of specific tests for syphilis
- Research work leading to laboratory diagnosis of STDs
- Survey activities to understand the epidemiology of the disease, and
- Health and Community Education and Social mobilisation

These components are being operated by all the Regional Centres including one at Safdarjung Hospital. Grants are being released to State Governments and Administrative approval to Central Institutions are being

released/conveyed every year out of National STD Control Programme budget for meeting the expenditure on :

- Salary of staff,
- Stipend to trainees attending orientation courses,
- Consumables (Glassware, Reagents, Kits, chemicals disposables etc.),
- P.O.L. and maintenance of vehicles, and
- Contingency grant to meet expenditure on
 - (a) Honorarium to the faculty members (not for Central institutes)
 - (b) books and journals,
 - (c) stationery, and
 - (d) postage etc.;

The administrative approval during the last three years given to Regional Centre at S.J. Hospital is as under :

1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Rs. 1,00,000/-	Rs. 3,00,000/-	Rs. 2,00,000/-

Under the National AIDS Control Programme, commodity grant is being provided to these centres by providing certain equipments to strengthen these centres. In the Deptt. of Skin & STD of Safdarjung Hospital, only one post of Specialist in Skin & VD is vacant and the recruitment process is under way.

Rate of Male and Female Literacy

365. SHRI SANAT MEHTA :
SHRI B.L. SHANKAR :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the measures taken by the Union Government to improve performance in Human Resource Development during the current financial year, particularly in the field of education;

(b) the improvement recorded in the percentage of literacy; and

(c) the latest rate of male and female literacy, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development was set up in 1985 with the objective of integrated efforts for development of Human potential in areas of education, Women and Child Development, Arts and Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports. During 1995-96 the Ministry continued its efforts in fulfilling this objective through its constituent

Departments of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports and Women and Child Development. The major initiative in the form of Operation Blackboard, Non-Formal Education, Teacher Education, District Primary Education Programme, Nutrition support to Primary Education, Special Projects for Eradication of Illiteracy in the age-group 15-35 years, Environment Education, Population Education, Computer Literacy, Improvement of Science Education, Distance

Education, Promotion of excellence in Regional Engineering Colleges, Upgradation of Technical Education System etc continued during the current financial year.

(b) and (c) The data on literacy is collected by Office of Registrar General of Census on decadal basis. The last Census was conducted in 1991. The requisite information is given in the statement attached.

Statement

State-wise Statement of Literacy Rates as per 1991 Census

S. No.	State/UTs	Literacy Rates for the Year 1991 (Percent)		Increase in Literacy Rates during 1981-91 (Percent)	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
1.	Andhra Pradesh	55.13	32.72	8.30	8.56
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	51.45	32.69	16.34	15.68
3.	Assam	61.87	43.03	#	#
4.	Bihar	52.49	22.89	5.89	6.37
5.	Goa	83.64	67.09	7.63	11.92
6.	Gujarat	73.13	48.64	7.99	10.18
7.	Haryana	69.10	40.47	10.59	13.54
8.	Himachal Pradesh	75.36	52.13	11.09	14.41
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	*	*	*	*
10.	Karnataka	67.26	44.34	8.53	11.17
11.	Kerala	93.62	86.17	5.88	10.52
12.	Madhya Pradesh	58.42	28.85	10.00	9.85
13.	Maharashtra	76.56	52.32	6.90	11.31
14.	Manipur	71.63	47.60	7.48	12.93
15.	Meghalaya	53.12	44.85	6.47	7.68
16.	Mizoram	85.61	78.60	6.73	9.99
17.	Nagaland	67.62	54.75	9.04	14.37
18.	Orissa	63.09	34.68	6.64	9.54
19.	Punjab	65.66	50.41	10.10	10.71
20.	Rajasthan	54.99	20.44	10.23	6.44
21.	Sikkim	65.74	46.69	12.74	19.31
22.	Tamil Nadu	73.75	51.33	8.28	10.90
23.	Tripura	70.58	49.65	9.09	11.64
24.	Uttar Pradesh	55.73	25.31	8.28	8.12
25.	West Bengal	67.81	46.56	7.88	10.49
26.	A & N Islands	78.99	65.46	8.70	12.27
27.	Chandigarh	82.04	72.34	3.15	3.02
28.	D & N Haveli	53.56	26.98	8.92	6.61
29.	Daman & Diu	82.66	59.40	8.20	12.90
30.	Delhi	82.01	66.99	2.73	4.39
31.	Lakshdweep	90.18	72.89	8.94	17.57
32.	Pondicherry	63.68	65.63	6.59	12.61

*Excludes Jammu & Kashmir where 1991 Census was not held.

#Excludes Assam where 1981 Census was not held.